

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 571

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Blake Hooten, 2009
Salutatorian of Westview High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Blake Hooten is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2009 graduating class at Westview High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Hooten has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Blake has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of worthy extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, the Spanish Club, and the Business Professionals of America; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Salutatorian status, other academic achievements include membership in the National Honor Society, selection as a Tennessee Scholar, and participation in the First State Bank Youth Leadership of Weakley County Program; in 2007, Mr. Hooten was honored with the United States Achievement Academy National Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooten has truly distinguished himself as a student, but he is also a gifted athlete; he has started on Westview's varsity soccer team every year of his high school career, and for a number of seasons he has also competed on a Fall Regional Club Soccer Team; and

WHEREAS, Blake's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Al and Debbie Hooten, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Blake Hooten's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Westview High School Salutatorian, Blake Hooten, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.